



# Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

## *Richmond, CA*

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The City of Richmond was selected to receive an assessment grant. Richmond's population of 99,216 is 36 percent minority, and 16 percent of its residents live in poverty. The city has targeted an important segment of its southern waterfront along the northeastern reach of San Francisco Bay. The area is surrounded by low-income communities with active neighborhood councils. Heavy industry in the area has created neighborhood health concerns and limited the area's economic growth. Since the 1960s, Richmond has been working to open this heavily industrialized shoreline into non-industrial, non-polluting reuses with abundant parks and shoreline trails. Assessment and reuse of the area will support further steps in the planned shoreline conversion.



### Assessment Grant

New  
2003

*\$350,000 for hazardous substances*

EPA has selected the City of Richmond for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to conduct a site assessment, a health risk assessment, and redevelopment planning for a heavy industrial area on the city's southern waterfront along the northeastern reach of San Francisco Bay. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community involvement activities.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of Richmond has received brownfields funding for assessment and job training grants.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.